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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/22/03	11/15/03
BRO-FRY	154,774	159,199
LT HENS	1,196	1,223
HVY HENS	1,476	1,470

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

****WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)****

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	171 **0	0 **0	171 **0
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	172 171	0 0	172 171
SAME WEEK YR AGO	220 226	0 11	220 237
TO-DATE/2003	10,166 10,166	141 141	10,307 10,307
TO-DATE/2002	13,757 13,983	268 279	14,025 14,262

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,258 1,126	1,473 1,656	2,731 2,782
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,265 1,429	1,314 1,473	2,579 2,902
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,658 1,667	1,548 1,534	3,206 3,201
TO-DATE/2003	74,963 76,260	63,234 64,890	138,197 141,150
TO-DATE/2002	92,553 94,220	64,107 65,641	156,660 159,861

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782
AVG WT	5.30	3.45	7.98	6.15
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	158,112	1,258	1,473	2,731
SAME WK YR AGO	154,140	1,441	1,523	2,964
AVG WT	5.29	3.47	7.90	5.75
TO-DATE/2003	7,086,770	66,094	64,749	130,843
TO-DATE/2002	7,153,750	80,237	65,362	145,599

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 7.3 million head more than or 105% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,380	31,306	45,207
Avg Weight	3.78	4.80	6.40
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	22,698	24,710	36,344
Avg Weight	3.70	4.73	6.23
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,191	27,712	41,331
Avg Weight	3.74	4.77	6.23
% of total /1	26%	30%	44%
To date/2003	1,047,739	1,077,008	2,002,159
To date/2002	1,156,148	1,008,027	1,858,357

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888
AVG WT	15.57	33.65	25.09	27.33	25.72
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,520	3,280	99	10	5,909
SAME WK YR AGO	2,392	3,240	64	43	5,739
AVG WT	16.24	34.76	24.37	27.81	26.87
TO-DATE/2003	87,579	126,952	2,934	598	218,063
TO-DATE/2002	86,143	127,531	2,519	509	216,702

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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